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SUBJECT: MOSCOW COMMENTS ON SALT ISSUES

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A SOVIET "HAWK" HAS TAKEN TO THE PAGES OF PRAVDA TO DENOUNCE
THE AMERICAN MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX FOR ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO
DEAL WITH MOSCOW FROM POSITIONS OF STRENGTH. THE AUTHOR OF THE
ARTICLE, V. LARIONOV, IS A RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER NOW WORKING
ON NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AT THE USA INSTITUTE. HE WROTE AN
ARTICLE ON SALT ISSUES SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED
SOVIET ADVOCATES OF THE ARMS AGREEMENTS SIGNED AT THE JUNE 1972
SUMMIT. THE CHOICE OF LARIONOV TO WRITE PRAVDA'S FIRST EXTENSIVE
COMMENTARY ON SALT SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW
SUGGESTS A TOUGHENING OF THE SOVIET LINE, BUT LARIONOV, FOR THE

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MOST PART, ONLY REPORTS ARGUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

ACCORDING TO THE TASS ACCOUNT, ANNEKLARIONOV CHARGES THAT "MILITARIST" AND POLITICAL FORCES IN THE US ARE TRYING TO POISON THE ATMOSPHERE AND SOW SEEDS OF MISTRUST BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON. FOCUSING ON SALT, LARIONOV SAYS THAT A CERTAIN DEGREE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING HAS ACCUMULATED, AND THAT THE SALT II TALKS ARE TAKING PLACE IN A MORE FAVORABLE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE THAN SALT I. THIS GIVES RISE TO HOPES FOR SUCCESS IN THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. HAVING SAID THIS, HOWEVER, LARIONOV ATTACKS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX FOR TRYING TO SABOTAGE THE TALKS AND REGAIN US MILITARY SUPERIORITY.

LARIONOV ALSO RESPONDED TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S PRO-
NOUNCEMENTS ON CHANGES IN US NUCLEAR TARGETING, ALTHOUGH THAT
THE ADVANCES IS NOTHING NEW. HE CONTENDS THAT THE MILITARISTS
OF THE 70S ARE PLANNING QUALITATIVE PERFECTION OF WEAPONS AND
DEVELOPING "NEW PARAMETERS" FOR THEIR USE SO THAT PRESSURE CAN
BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON MOSCOW AND ITS ALLIES. SUCH NOTIONS, HE

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ARGUES, VIOLATE THE SPIRIT OF THE US-SOVIET SUMMIT AGREEMENT OF LAST YEAR TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

LARIONOV'S REFERENCES TO POTENTIAL US SABOTEURS OF SALT COINCIDE WITH SOVIET CRITICISM OF NEGATIVE WESTERN NEWS REPORTS ON THE OUTCOME OF KISSINGER'S VISIT, THEREBY, SUGGESTING THAT MOSCOW IS CONCERNED THAT WASHINGTON MAY BE MOVING AWAY FROM DETENTE ON THE SALT ISSUE. THE FACT THAT LARIONOV WAS CHOSEN TO WRITE THE PRAVDA ARTICLE COULD MEAN THAT SOME ELEMENTS IN THE KREMLIN ARE ARGUING THAT FUTURE DEALS WITH THE US, PARTICULARLY ON VITAL NATIONAL SECURITY MATTERS, MAY TURN TO MOSCOW'S DIS-ADVANTAGE UNLESS THE SOVIETS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PRESSURED INTO ANY AGREEMENT. E-2 IMPDET-H 25X1A2g

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